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Embassy, USAF, and USOM officers and Ambassador, on basis contacts several levels Federal and Provincial governments over past month, sense that basic decision to tie-in more closely with United States may have been arrived at by or passed down to Cabinet. Should this be case however, would not mean upcoming negotiations on level United States assistance will be any less difficult th foreseen in EMBTEL 203.

We see GOL thinking as follows: Libya desires more United Stat United Kingdom aid than currently given; in addition, would lik to utilize United States aid without United States controls presently in effect. Embassy believes proposed level United St assistance plus amount necessary bridge gap possible United Kingdom

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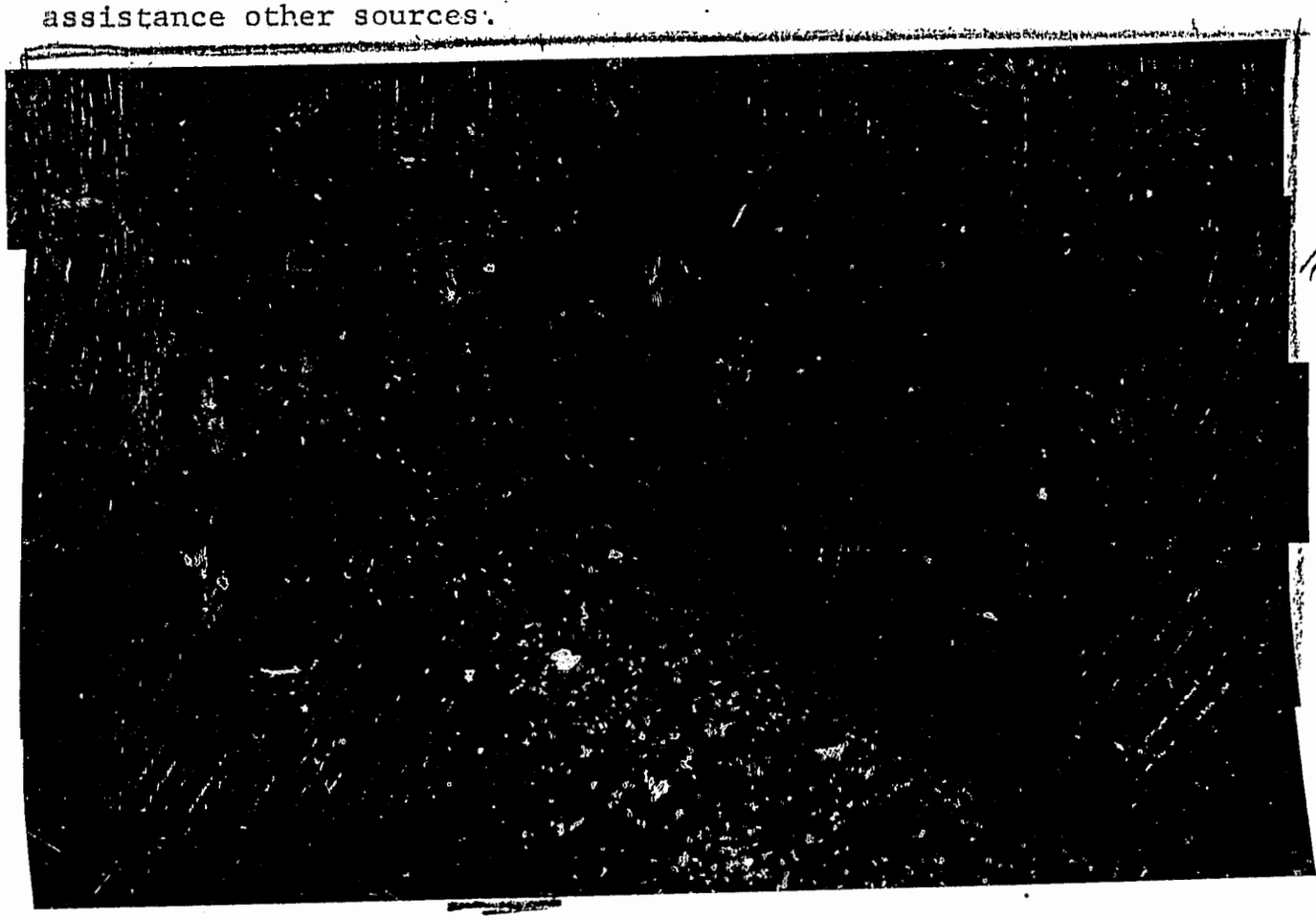
Kingdom reductions would prove acceptable, although bargaining on Libyan side would be marked by grumbling and some use of threats turn East for help should level of aid be such as to necessitate cutbacks in current government expenditures. In latter event there would be possibility that GOL would seek supplementary assistance other sources.



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